

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clarence was held on Friday, June 23, 2017 at the Clarence Town Hall, One Town Place, Clarence, New York.

Supervisor Patrick Casilio called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Members of the Town Board present were Councilmembers Peter DiCostanzo, Robert Geiger, Christopher Greene, Paul Shear and Supervisor Casilio. Also present was Town Attorney Lawrence Meckler.

Supervisor Casilio said he attended the meeting held by Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz regarding the shared services initiative from the Governor. Mayors and supervisors from all over Erie County attended. A printout of the submissions for consideration was handed out. He must submit a letter to the County Executive by Tuesday of comments and/or opt out on the submissions presented. The problem he had with many of them was there was no cost savings estimates provided. A few of the towns, including Clarence and Lancaster provided them, but the County did not.

Supervisor Casilio said we submitted the waste disposal agreement we now have with Lancaster to dump their compost materials at our site. He will probably pull the Sheriff's substation for this year's submittal and put it in next year. Mark Poloncarz does not seem to understand that this will become a regional office for this area and not just for Clarence.

The Town Board went through the list and decided they could opt out of the item 30 for waste disposal since we do not participate at this time. Also, Williamsville is interested in consolidating sewer districts. We can see what they come up with. Our sewers are maintained by Erie County Sewer Authority now.

The County proposed household hazardous waste on a countywide plan. It is very costly for the towns that do it on their own. Senator Ranzenhofer has been hosting those events for us. Councilman Shear said it might help the smaller towns that have nothing to come together on a plan. Councilman DiCostanzo said the drop-off event held last week had limits to how much you could bring. They collected nine tractor trailers of electronic equipment.

Supervisor Casilio said another submission by the County was to take over all of the assessing duties in the County. The County Executive states that they could do it with 10 people. One of the concerns is all of the municipalities that are not at 100% value. Another is how they would handle the filings for exemptions. Our residents would have to go downtown to submit their exemption information. Again, no estimation of any savings.

Supervisor Casilio said another area proposed by the County was full or partial consolidation of tax bill collection. They estimate 4-8 cents per bill savings.

Councilman DiCostanzo said we have just over 13,000 bills. The savings is only \$500. Our residents would be the ones that are inconvenienced.

Town Clerk Nancy Metzger said the number of walk-ins to pay bills has not changed, maybe even increased, since she took over the collections in 2002. They also sort the bills when they come in for new addresses, new homeowners, etc. The Town Clerk position is here regardless.

Supervisor Casilio said we have done our own shared services projects over the years that we could not submit at this time. He must submit a letter by Tuesday. Public Hearings will be held July 17th, 18th and 19th. The county will send out details once the locations are finalized. A submission will then be presented to the Erie County Legislature by August 1, 2017.

Upon this discussion, the Town Board agreed to allow the Supervisor to prepare the required response to the County Executive.

Motion by Supervisor Casilio, seconded by Councilman DiCostanzo to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings Law §105 (1)(f) to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Nancy C. Metzger
Town Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Casilio, seconded by Councilman DiCostanzo to exit the Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. with no action taken. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.